

DIARY NOTES

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19 January 1959

1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

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a. The Director mentioned a new paper outlining the mission and functions of General Erskine's Office in the Department of Defense. ([redacted] is going to send us a copy.)

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d. There was a very considerable discussion as to whether or not the Monthly Letters from the Field should be made available to the Office of the DD/I and whether or not their format should be changed in order to report in a separate section those things which would be of interest to that Office, etc. No final conclusions were reached, although it was my impression that General Cabell is going to try his hand at revising the present construction in some way. I did not participate in the discussion since the present system of sending them to the Office of the DD/S meets our purposes very well.

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3. I advised Gordon Stewart that the Inspector General would start a survey of the Office of Personnel and the Career Service sometime soon and that [redacted] would

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25X1A9A head this team. I also advised him that I had discussed the Summer-Only Employment Program at the Deputies' Meeting and that it had been decided to go ahead with it.

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5. I participated in a general briefing for John Irwin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

25X1A9A 6. Dr. Tietjen alerted me to the fact that he had some personnel problems and probably would want to terminate one doctor and two or three technicians who do not have the flexibility for overseas assignment which he feels they must have. I alerted him to the fact that apparently the NEA Division had objected to Dr. [Redacted] going to Africa and asked him to look into the matter.

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7. Also at the Deputies' Meeting:

25X1A9A a. I learned that [Redacted] was coming back to Headquarters on TDY in March. We should make sure that we talk to him about the position at the [Redacted] Station which the Chief of Support occupies and the possibility of sending [Redacted] out as a replacement for [Redacted].

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b. The Director asked that Dr. Tietjen obtain whatever information he could from the Walter Reed Hospital on [Redacted] in view of an important cable received from the field commenting on his health. (Dr. Tietjen already has the necessary information and is preparing a memorandum.)

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9. I talked with [redacted] about the Office of Logistics' proposed selection - out of [redacted] and asked him to consider this case further and decide whether or not it would be better to offer John a grade GS-11 in the Space, Maintenance and Facilities Branch rather than try to select him out and to advise me within the next few days of his decision. I also discussed with him the proposed assignment of [redacted] as Deputy Chief of Base at [redacted]. I do not believe that Bill has the background and qualifications which are desired for this job and in discussing the matter with J. R. it would appear that [redacted] are the only employees in the Office of Logistics who meet the requirements. Inasmuch as all of these have had one overseas tour and all of them except Jim have had a tour in [redacted], I doubt seriously that we can fill this vacancy from the Office of Logistics. However, I must pursue this and come to some decision very soon.

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